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SUBJ: MILAN'S THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF MAYORS OF THE WORLD'S
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ATTN: EUR - VINE

1. MUNICIPALITY OF MILAN EXTENDED OFFICIAL INVITATIONS ELEVEN AMERICAN MAYORS ATTEND APRIL 16-20, 1974 "CONFERENCE MAYORS OF THE WORLD'S MAJOR CITIES." TO DATE, NINE AMERICAN MAYORS HAVE DECLINED (ATLANTA, CHICAGO, CLEVELAND, DETROIT, INDIANAPOLIS, LOS ANGELES, PHILADELPHIA, SAN FRANCISCO, WASH. D.C.), WHILE TWO HAVE FAILED TO RESPOND (BOSTON, NEW YORK).
2. MAYOR PERK OF CLEVELAND INITIALLY ACCEPTED, HOWEVER LATER REGRETTED DUE ILLNESS (ACTUALLY, INVOLVEMENT IN SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN). CLEVELAND NEVERTHELESS SENDING DELEGATION OF THREE: MAYOR'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT; THE CHAIRMAN OF URBAN TRANSIT SYSTEM; AND PRESIDENT OF CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY.
3. CONGEN EXTREMELY INTERESTED OBTAIN PARTICIPATION AT LEAST ONE PROMINENT AMERICAN MAYOR FOR THIS IMPORTANT CONFERENCE. SOME THIRTY OTHER NATIONS, INCLUDING UK, FRANCE, GERMANY, AND USSR, WELL REPRESENTED.
4. ATTN VINE--YOUR VALIANT BUT UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS CONVINCE MAYOR JACKSON WERE GREATLY APPRECIATED. NOW, TO AVOID POTENTIALLY SERIOUS REPRESENTATIONAL PROBLEMS, STRONGLY URGE THAT DEPT NOW UNCLASSIFIED

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APPROACH MAYOR WALTER WASHINGTON AND OFFER HIM PARTIAL STAG GRANT

TO DEFRAID COSTS INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL, SINCE CITY OF MILAN PROVIDING FULL HOSPITALITY UPON ARRIVAL HERE. FYI, MAYOR WASHINGTON HAD MENTIONED BUDGETARY DIFFICULTIES IN ORIGINALLY DECLINING INVITATION.

5. REQUEST DEPT TELEPHONE HARRY VOLK, IN CLEVELAND MAJOR'S OFFICE, TO RELAY FOLLOWING MESSAGE "REF YOUR MARCH 28 TELCALL, INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY, HAPPY PROVIDE ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THREE CLEVELAND DELEGATES WITH SPOUSES. SUGGEST VOLK CABLE MILAN MUNICIPALITY DIRECTLY REF EXACT FLIGHT ARRIVAL TIME DATA." FINA

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